

Amendments to the Specification

- i) Please add the following title to page 1, line 1:

~~**Use of N-Lauroyl amino acids as slimming cosmetic and
pharmaceutical active agent**~~
An N-Lauroyl Amino Acid Composition for Slimming the Human Body

- ii) Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a) and (b) 1 to French Application No. 0302161, filed February 21, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- iii) Please insert the following subtitles:

At page 1, line 1:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 4:

2. Related Art

At page 1, line 26:

Summary of the Invention

At page 2, line 24:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Description of Preferred Embodiments

At page 13, line 6:

Examples

- iv) Please add the following paragraph to page 2, line 24, after the Brief Description of the Drawings subtitle and before the Description of Preferred Embodiments subtitle:

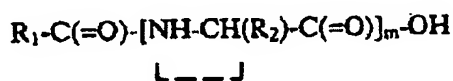
For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates incubating products in the presence of human adipocytes in suspension, followed by measurement of the intracellular cAMP level.
- v) Please add the following paragraph to page 35, line 25:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.
- vi) Please delete page 38 in its entirety.
- vii) Please add to a new page 38, starting at line 1, the following subtitle and paragraph:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent in a formulation containing a cosmetically acceptable medium, wherein said composition is represented by formula (I):



wherein R₁ is at least one a linear, branched, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having 11 carbon atoms;
wherein R₂ is an amino acid chain; and
wherein m is in the range of from about 1 to about 50.